

In addition, the City of Hickory, City of Newton, City of Conover, City of Lenoir and Town of Sawmills, Town of Granite Falls, Town of Hudson, and Caldwell County, Catawba County, and Caldwell County Schools passed resolutions at respective meetings to show support for the Google FTTH, stating this would be an economic tool to enhance the entire community and enhance education. Catawba County Schools plans to approve the resolution next week, along with other entities.

Background:

The Hickory/Lenoir Google Fiber to the Home and Business Request for Information (RFI) application is a collective effort with support from municipalities and counties along the U.S. 321 data center corridor in Catawba and Caldwell Counties. The intent of the Google project is to eliminate the bandwidth bottleneck so that Google can develop and test high speed network applications, and Google will open their network to any and all service providers who want access to a large bandwidth “pipe” to businesses and households.

The high test speed is a gigabit per second connection, which is more than 100 times faster than the current connection available in the area. The communities are confident that if Hickory/Lenoir is awarded as a test site for the ultra-fast network, the community would see significant economic growth, as it will open doors and be an attraction for local business to stay, and recruit more industries, creating more opportunity for all citizens and local governments.

“This is truly an opportunity for us to stand out across the country as a premier place to live and work,” added Wright.